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SUBJECT: EFTA AND EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN

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1. WE AGREE TO ONE DAY MEETING TO INITIATE CONSULTATIONS.

ANY OF 3 DATES MENTIONED REFTEL ARE ACCEPTABLE. WE

PREFER MAY 2 OR 3 BUT WILL ACCEPT APRIL 29 IF THERE IS

SIGNIFICANT POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT WITH TEXTILE GROUP.

2. AFTER REFLECTING ON VIEWS OF OTHER SIDE REPORTED REFTEL

WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT WHOLE DAY BE CONSIDERED AS JOINT

MEETING OF TWO GROUPS (EFTA AND EC/EFTA) TO PLAN ORGANIZA-

TION OF FUTURE WORK. WE WILL MAKE GENERAL STATEMENT AND

DISTRIBUTE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM COMPARING EFTA AND

REVISED EFTA ORIGIN RULES WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE NEW

EC/EFTA RULES. THIS DOCUMENT IS APPROPRIATE FOR BOTH

GROUPS ALTHOUGH ITS RELEVANCE TO EACH IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT.

WE WILL INVITE OTHER SIDE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON

OUR MEMORANDUM AND CERTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR

DISCUSSION AT FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING IN LATE JUNE OR

EARLY JULY. THIS MEETING CAN ALSO BE A JOINT MEETING IF

AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON SCENARIO. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO

PRESERVE OPTION OF MEETING WITH EACH GROUP SEPARATELY AT

ANY TIME IN CONSULTATION SERIES IF THIS SEEMS USEFUL OR

NECESSARY.

3. ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED PARA 4 REFTEL SATISFACTORY

EXCEPT FOR EC OPPOSITION TO PRESENCE OF MEMBER OF GATT

SECRETARIAT. WE WILL LEAVE QUESTION OF REGULAR

ATTENDANCE OF GATT REP OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AT THE

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. HOWEVER, AT THAT MEETING

WE WILL TRY TO GET THE OTHER SIDE TO AGREE THAT THE

GATT SECRETARIAT SHOULD PREPARE A PAPER ON THE

NEGOTIATING HISTORY AND INTERPRETATION OF RELEVANT

GATT PROVISIONS AND, IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED, WE WOULD

WANT TO CALL IN GATT REP TO DISCUSS IT WITH HIM.

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